

TO: MEMBERS OF THE MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

FROM: Donald Wiswell, CHAIRMAN

DATE: April 6, 2004

SUBJECT: MEETING Tuesday, April 6, 2004

The next commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 4, 2004** at the Maine Motor Transport, Whitten Road, Augusta. The phone number is 623-4128.

THE MAY MEETING WILL START AT 9:00 AM

1. Approve minutes of April 6, 2004 meeting.
2. Discuss pending matters, complaints, responses, application, etc.
3. New Business.
4. Public Comments.

MAINE WATER WELL DRILLING COMMISSION

Minutes of April 6, 2004 Meeting

Members Present:

Donald Wiswell, Chairman
Ed Bowie, Driller, Driller
Chris Olson, DOT
Glenn Dyer, Driller
David Braley, DHS
Rodney Pratt, Driller

Others Present:

Dean Getchell
Paul Gauvreau
Carol Champagne
Thomas Weddle, MGS
Pat Pratt
Barry Sanford
Debbie Dyer
Ike Goodwin

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

Approval of March 2, 2003 meeting minutes:

Correction to minutes: Steve Palmer will have to apply for his Pump Installer license after he has completed his apprenticeship under a Master Pump Installer and has presented evidence of such to the Commission.

Chris Olson made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Glenn Dyer 2nd the motion. Approved unanimously.

Update on Complaints:

Mike Morin vs Conrad "Joe" Dube Well Drilling - Mr. Dube has repaired the well with 20' of casing and Jaswell Type seal and disinfected the well as the Commission required. Dean Getchell will make an appointment with Mr. Dube to inspect the well.

Shawn Benoit vs Gerry Hill Well Drilling - The Fair Hearing date is April 26, 2004 and will be in Ellsworth. Mrs. Hill requested a copy of the all tapes, which she received.

Gregory Beane vs Carmel Well Drilling - On Hold Pending swapping the pump out.

Cheryl Cook vs Road Runner (Peter Peaslee) - The Attorney General's office date for the Hearing will be in May. The company has been charged with unlicensed well drilling.

Hoyt & Cheryl Fairbrother vs Burnett Well Drilling -

Mr. DeBeck responded to the Commission as requested. The company license and the driller's license remain under suspension with the exception that he be authorized to replace Mr. Fairbrother's well as directed by the Commission. In October Dean Getchell found a new site to drill a well that was in accordance to the Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules.

Ed Bowie made a motion to have Mr. DeBeck's license remain under suspension and to suspend the suspension so Mr. DeBeck can replace the well only. No other work is to be allowed. Dean Getchell must be present. Mr. DeBeck will have to apply to have his license reinstated after completing the well replacement. Glenn Dyer 2nd it. Motion passed

Jenny Bickford vs Bowie Bros Well Drilling Inc -

The Commission found no legitimate complaint. The Commission is limited by state statute and rules to regulating the construction of the well, not the trench.

Carolyn Damon vs (Delwin) Philbrick Well Drilling -

The Well Driller responded to the Commission's request. The Commission determined that a water quality analyses will be necessary in order to determine if a violation may have occurred and the sediment is not naturally occurring. Nitrate, nitrite, iron, manganese, pH, turbidity and bacteria should be tested and the results submitted to the Commission.

Sandra Esancy vs Affordable Well Drilling -

Ed Bowie made a motion to have Dean Getchell meet with the driller to inspect the well and try to identify the problem. If possible, the driller will correct the problem and disinfect the well. Dean will then sample the well. David Braley 2nd it. Motion Passed

Tricia Balzano vs Roger Hillock & Son Well Inc -

Mr. Hillock has requested an appeal. Stanley Hillock & Sons Well Drillers videoed the well and found that frost had lifted the casing causing sediment to enter under casing. Because the well has been repaired, the Commission cannot collect evidence

concerning the cause of the sediment problem. Stanley Hillock & Sons Well Drillers has repaired the well. No violation can be determined given the Commission was unable to inspect the well prior to repairs being made.

David Braley will send two letters, one to the driller and homeowner. The second letter to the Attorney Generals office referring the issue of installing pumps without a license.

New Complaints:

Clarence & Holly Drew vs Carmel Well Drilling - The problem is silt and sand in the water. Ted McLeod videoed the well, finding no torque arrester on pump and the casing not seated properly causing sediment leakage.

Carmel Well Drilling Company responded to the Commission's request. Chris Olson made a motion to have Dean Getchell inspect the well. David Braley 2nd the motion. Passed Donald Wiswell abstained from voting.

Shawn & Arica Burwood vs Clearwater Well Drilling Company:

The problem is sand in the water and no water pressure. Rodney Pratt made a motion and Chris Olson 2nd it. Dean Getchell will inspect the well. Dean will also ask the homeowner for more information on the water quality analyses so that it can help with the Commission's decision. Motion passed

Gerry Hill Well Drilling vs William Meyers - The complaint is installing a pump without a license. Ed Bowie made a motion to turn the complaint over to the Attorney Generals Office and Glenn Dyer 2nd it. Motion passed

Complaints Closed

Paul & Linda Ronquist vs P. L. Jones & Son INC - Closed A new well has been drilled. David Braley will send a letter to the property owners informing them that they should continue to test their water to insure

no problems exist. The well must be monitored periodically for contaminates.

Specialty Wells

Mark Gardiner - Bowie Bros Well Drilling - Approved with 120' casing or Jaswell type seals.

Examinations Requested

None

Examination Passed

Ricky Goodwin of Goodwin & Sons Well Drilling, Lavant ME. Passed the Journeyman Well Driller exam.

Meeting Dates for 2004 *Please note the December meeting.*

April 6, 2004	September 7, 2004
May 4, 2004	October 5, 2004
June 1, 2004	November 2, 2004
July 6, 2004	December 7, 2004
August 3, 2004	

Subject to change.

New Business:

Rule making is still in the drafting stage.

James Philbrick is requesting his 12-year-old grandson have an apprentice license. Mr. Philbrick would like to train his grandson in the family trade of well drilling. The Well Driller and Pump Installer Rules state, All employees that work on or near a drill rig, or install or repair pumps must be licensed.

The Commission has checked with the Attorney General's Office concerning this matter. State and Federal child labor laws are applicable in this case. Liability issues for the Commission are a concern. Chris Olson made a motion to accept the application only if the individual is in compliance with the State of Maine Labor Laws and supplies a copy of a work permit for the child for well drilling. Rodney Pratt 2nd the motion. Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

The next Well Drillers Meeting will be:
Tuesday, May 4, 2004 at 9:00 am.